Stock Prioritization

At the March 2017, the SEDAR Committee reviewed a <u>document</u> that described the long-term assessment plan and developed a priority list of species for assessments in the research plan. This essentially set the list of species that is currently considered for age-based assessments. Table 1 is an excerpt of the priority species for assessment from the 2021-2022 Research and Monitoring Plan based on assessed species or species with an assessment already scheduled.

The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet in May 2022 to discuss assessments for 2025 (see **Table 1** for assessment information). The goal of the document is to provide background information on the assessment schedule and when a species was last assessed and their stock status. The SEDAR Committee is requested to review the current South Atlantic Team slots (4 spots) and one CMP Team slot for 2025 species (**Figure 1**). The South Atlantic Team 2025 assessments include the continuation of the Red Snapper Research Track and operational assessments for Gag, Snowy Grouper, and Red Porgy. The CMP Team will start a King Mackerel Assessment in 2025. The Committee can discuss future assessments as needed.

Table 1. Assessed or proposed assessment species in the South Atlantic along with SEDAR number, terminal year for last assessment, next assessment type, if known, stock status, and start of next assessment. Bold indicates species approved by SEDAR Steering Committee and yellow fill indicates species already on the SEDAR Planning Grid for 2025 but have not been approved.

Stock	Last Assessment	Terminal Year in Last Assessment	Last Assessment Status		Next Assessment Type	Next Assessment
			Overfished	Overfishing	Ticat Assessment Type	(Start Year)
Black Grouper ¹	SEDAR 19 (2010)	2008			FWC Benchmark	2025
Spiny Lobster	SEDAR 8B Update (2010)	2009/2010				
Spanish Mackerel	SEDAR 28 (2012)	2011			Operational (ongoing)	2021
Mutton Snapper	SEDAR 15A Update (2015)	2011			Benchmark (ongoing)	2021
FLK/EFL Hogfish	SEDAR 37 (2014)	2012	Y	Y	FWC Benchmark	2024
GA-NC Hogfish ²	SEDAR 37 (2014)	2012	U	U	ORCS	
Blueline Tilefish	SEDAR 50 (2017)	2015			Operational	2024
Red Grouper	SEDAR 53 (2017)	2015	Y	Y	Operational	2023
Black Sea Bass	SEDAR 56 (2018)	2016			Operational	2022
Greater Amberjack	SEDAR 59 (2020)	2016			Research Track	2026
Vermilion Snapper	SEDAR 55 (2018)	2016			Operational	2023
Yellowtail Snapper	SEDAR 64 (2020)	2017			Benchmark	
Red Porgy	SEDAR 60 (2020)	2017	Y	Y	Operational	2025
King Mackerel	SEDAR 38 Update (2020)	2017/2018			Operational	2025
Snowy Grouper	SEDAR 36 Update (2020)	2018	Y	Y	Operational	2025
golden Tilefish	SEDAR 66 (2021)	2018			Operational	2024
Gag	SEDAR 71 (2021)	2019	Y	Y	Operational	2025
Red Snapper	SEDAR 73 (2021)	2019	Y	Y	Research Track	2024
Scamp	SEDAR 68 (2021) ongoing	2017	NA	NA	Operational	2022
White Grunt ³					Research Track	2026
Dolphin ⁴					Research Track	
Gray Triggerfish ⁵					Research Track	2022
Wreckfish ⁶	Industry Funded Assessment	2010				
Goliath Grouper ⁶	SEDAR 47 (2016)	2014	U	U		

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ SEDAR 48 was not completed due to data issues with Gag.

² Stock was included in SEDAR 37 but was not accepted for management advice. ORCS was used.

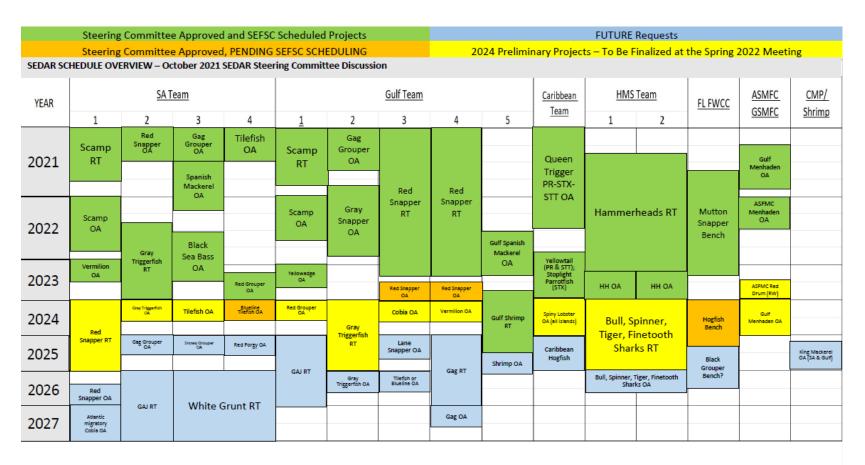
³ Multiple stocks have been identified in the South Atlantic region.

⁴ An international assessment was requested by the Council due to the migratory nature of the stock

⁵ Aging issues were identified for Gray Triggerfish in SEDAR 41 and the assessment was not used to make management advice.

⁶ Recommended as a tier 3 (low priority) species group by the Council.

Figure 1. SEDAR Planning Grid based on the outcome of the October 21 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting. South Atlantic Team slots are the first four on the left and CMP (last slot) assesses Mackerel.



Timing of projects shown in this table is approximate and is intended for SEDAR Steering Committee workload planning purposes only. Please consult individual project schedules for specific start and end dates.